

# *News from the President*

Hello fellow fly fishers,

It's time for our November club meeting. Last month's program with Rey Ramirez was very informative and generated a lot of questions about fishing the coast. This month our presenter is another one of our own long-term members Bruce Moring presenting "River Flows and a Healthy Fish Community". Bruce is a part time assistant professor at Southwestern University, a water resources consultant, and previously spent many years with the U.S. Geological Survey specializing in freshwater biology of lakes and streams in Texas. Obviously, Bruce is knowledgeable on this subject.

## **Here is the latest from our Outings Chairman, Ed Siska:**

"Octoberfish Fly Fishing Festival was held along the banks of the Llano River on Oct 16-18. This was my first Octoberfish and I was impressed by the hospitality of the Fredericksburg Fly Fishers! The event was held at Morgan Shady Park, a pecan shaded park along the Llano which offered great kayak and wading access along with scenic campsites for many who chose to camp during the event. Highlight of the weekend was a great group of fun-loving participants who traveled from Texas, Louisiana, and New Mexico to share their love of fly fishing (and sometimes love of bourbon around the evening campfire).

Did I say that the fishing was great? I opted to rent a kayak and took advantage of Octoberfish's kayak shuttle service to just outside South Llano State Park. The river is made up of a series of pools connected by short rapids.. Water was high enough to float the rapids and some of them ripped (watch those rod tips!). Lost count of the panfish, probably 40 or so with some very nice long-ear sunfish. A dozen bass with several quality Guads, the largest at 14 inches. Key to the larger fish was working log snags and deeper inside cuts where the river turned. I was using a 6wt with a sink-tip line. Best fly was the one included in my Octoberfish "gift bag", orange krystal flash bead head fly, brown rubber legs, on a size 10 or 12 hook. Unsure of the pattern but will look for it next time I fish the Llano!

First time fishing the South Fork of the Llano and I'll be back. Reach out to me if you want to hear more about the fishing or can help identify the fly that caught most of my fish for the day."

## **And now a word from our Membership Chairman, Don Carlson:**

"Our membership is growing. We now have 32 paid members for 2015-2016. We currently show 31 folks that were members last year that have not yet renewed for this year. If you are one of these, we don't want to loose you. Please go to our web site and pull up the membership page

for instructions. You can mail your renewal in to our club PO Box.

If any personal information like address, phone, or email has changed, please send the corrections to Don Carlson at [donnpat2000@yahoo.com](mailto:donnpat2000@yahoo.com) or call him at [512 577-7054](tel:5125777054)."

Mike Reed and Randy Johnson continue to coordinate with the local Boy Scouts, and they will be sharing an exciting new program we will be embarking upon starting November 15. The Bastrop event was cancelled due to the fires and our new program will replace that awful last-minute fiasco we have participated in in the past.

As Don mentioned, annual dues are now "due" for all members for the 2015-2016 year so please bring your checkbook or cash to renew your membership (or you can mail it to our PO box). We reduced our dues during the last year so the money should not be a reason not to join! We really need to get those dues in right away so we can continue to bring you great speakers each month.

We still have SGFF logo fly boxes for sale and we will continue to have our \$5/3 for \$10 fly raffles to raise money for the club.

I have had about a dozen folks express interest in a San Gabriel Fly Fishers logo shirt so if you are interested and have not responded, please do so at the meeting.

Don't forget to mark December 17 on your calendar for the Christmas party. Randy Johnson will be needing assistance in obtaining raffle and auction items for the party so please support him in this effort!

Hope to see you this Thursday night!

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Christmas party Dec 17

Troutfest on the Guadalupe Feb 20-22

